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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir,

Applicants are hereby including this preliminary amendment to the enclosed US filing of European patent application number 01200816.5 filed on March 6, 2001. Filed with this preliminary amendment is a copy of the original specification from the European patent application, a certified copy of the priority document filed in the European patent office, declarations and power of attorney from all inventors, assignments from all the inventors, and a sequence listing. Please charge all required fees to Deposit Account No. 02-3334.